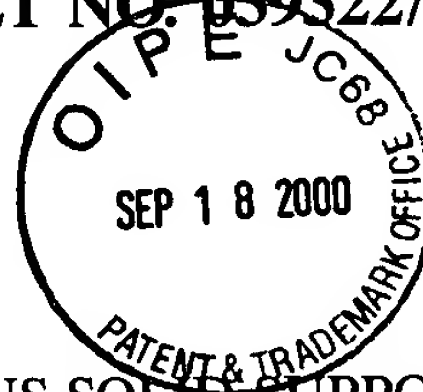


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In reply to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2000, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 13, line 4, delete "nucleic" and insert --polynucleic--.